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1. A fish tape housing, comprising:

first and second annular case halves joined together and defining an axis, each case half having a radial wall and axial inner and outer half walls, the half walls being disposed in facing relation and with the outer half walls defining a gap between them, the joined case halves defining a fish tape receiving chamber therein;

a handle mounted on the case halves for rotation relative thereto, the handle including a grip external to the fish tape receiving chamber, a web attached to the grip and extending through the gap into the fish tape receiving chamber, and a continuous belt fixed to the web and extending about the entire circumference of the fish tape receiving chamber.

2. The fish tape housing of claim 1 wherein the handle further comprises an arcuate shoe disposed on the exterior of the case halves and connected to the web, the grip being attached to the arcuate shoe.

3. The fish tape housing of claim 2 wherein the arcuate shoe and the belt define a groove in which the outer half wall reside, with the shoe and belt slidably engaging the half walls on opposite sides thereof.

4. A fish tape housing having walls that define a fish tape receiving chamber, and a handle including a groove that interfits with the walls to rotatably mount the handle to the

walls, and a continuous, generally circular belt fixedly attached to said handle, the belt being disposed within the fish tape receiving chamber for rotation with the handle.

5. In a fish tape housing of the type having a fish tape receiving chamber defined by first and second radial walls and outer annular walls and a handle rotatably mounted on said walls, the improvement comprising a method of preventing a fish tape from escaping the fish tape receiving chamber, said method comprising the step of providing a continuous belt around the inner circumference of the outer annular walls of said housing.